

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	October 8, 2007
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Recognizing the 20 th Anniversary of the Takoma Langley CDA and Erwin Mack as Founder and Executive Director
Background	<p>This November marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Association (the “CDA”).</p> <p>The CDA was authorized by Ordinance of the City Council in November of 1987 for the purposes of promoting and marketing the more than 350,000 square feet of retail and office space which make up the Takoma Langley Crossroads commercial district. Located at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and University Boulevard, the district - considered an integral part of Maryland’s International Corridor - includes a multitude of businesses ranging from national chains to “mom and pop” storefronts. Its multi-jurisdictional location - the district is located within Takoma Park and Montgomery County, immediately adjacent to Prince George’s County - and the diversity of its businesses and the surrounding residential neighborhoods has created a unique challenge for the organization as efforts to address the concerns of the business community often require a careful juggling of State, County and City priorities and resources.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, the Takoma Langley Crossroads CDA, under the thoughtful direction of its President, Mr. Neel Teague and Executive Director and Founder, Mr. Erwin Mack, has effectively addressed the concerns of its constituents for 20 years. Encouraging - and sometimes prodding - state, county and local officials to invest their time, staff and money in the Crossroads, the organization’s advocacy efforts have resulted in an impressive listing of accomplishments. Examples of its successes include the establishment of the Maryland International CSAFE program; the creation of a day laborer site; the formation of multi-jurisdictional committees such as the Pedestrian Safety Committee and the Commission on Crossroads Development; the construction of numerous streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements; the installation of the upcoming gateway project; improved adherence to local property maintenance standards, and enhanced transit opportunities.</p>
Policy	To recognize the successes of local organizations and individuals working to promote and enhance the community, its residents, and its businesses.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution Recognizing the 20 th Anniversary of the Takoma Langley CDA and Erwin Mack as Founder and Executive Director
Recommendation	To approve the resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2007-**

**RECOGNIZING THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAKOMA LANGLEY
CROSSROADS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND ERWIN MACK AS FOUNDER
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Corporation (the “CDA”) was authorized by Ordinance of the City Council in 1987 for the purposes of promoting and marketing the businesses which make up the Takoma Langley Crossroads commercial district; and,

WHEREAS, the Takoma Langley Crossroads is the community’s largest and most diverse commercial center with more than 350,000 sq. ft. of retail and office space located at the intersection of University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, this November marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Association; and,

WHEREAS, through the dedicated efforts of the CDA, its Board of Directors, and its Executive Director, the organization has successfully advocated for more effective crime prevention programming, pedestrian safety improvements, stronger code enforcement measures, streetscape improvements, and the funding and resources necessary to maintain the economic vitality of the business community; and,

WHEREAS, much of the CDA’s success is due to the tireless and determined efforts of its Founder and Executive Director, Mr. Erwin Mack, who is, as he is known to declare . . . “not a pest, just responsibly persistent”; and,

WHEREAS, the community as a whole and the Takoma Langley Crossroads businesses in particular have benefitted greatly from the work of the CDA and Mr. Erwin Mack.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority and its accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council applauds the hard work and determination of Mr. Erwin Mack and recognizes his contributions to the success of the Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2007

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk